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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)
023070-086121US

In re Application of Robert Fischer, et al.

Application Number 09/812,283 Filed March 19, 2001

For NUCLEIC ACIDS THAT CONTROL SEED AND FRUIT
DEVELOPMENT IN PLANTSGroup Art Unit
1638 Examiner
Ashwin D. Mehta

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$930
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 465 .

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-1430.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

attorney or agent of record.

attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). 47,651 .

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January 14, 2003

Date



Signature

Matthew E. Hinsch, Reg. No. 47,651

Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.

*Total of _____ forms are submitted.

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